

Pearson's courageous stand made him a hero among his friends in the community, but a villain to his foes. Because he dared to question the status quo, the white community cut off the credit Mr. Pearson needed for farm supplies and refused to buy goods raised on his farm. Despite the severe hardships placed on Pearson and his family, he stood his ground and remained in Clarendon County with his family as many black families moved north.

Although his name is not on the list of 20 petitioners in the landmark case of *Briggs v. Elliott*, Pearson was the driving force that led to equal education for all. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me today in paying tribute to Levi Pearson for he is indeed a pioneer, a hero and an outstanding American.

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A TRIBUTE TO THE ARROWHEAD
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY EAGLES

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 12, 1998

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of the Arrowhead Christian Academy (ACA) 1997 varsity football team of Redlands, CA. On December 13, 1997, the ACA Eagles made history by winning the 1997 CIF-Southern Section Division XII Championship, thus becoming the first team to win back-to-back CIF championships in San Bernardino County, CA. The Eagles' remarkable season was further highlighted by being ranked fifth in the state by Cal-Hi Sports in Division V.

Despite competing against several higher division teams, the Eagles racked up a total of 567 points over the course of the season and won four shut-out games. With their renowned offense scoring an average of 40 points per game that their unmovable defense holding its opponents to an average of just 14 points per game, it is no surprise that the Eagles ended their season with a remarkable record. 11-3.

Special recognition is in order for Head Coach Dan Finrock, Assistant Coaches Drew Rickert, Dave Wiseman, Dave Marshall, Jon Burgess, Nate Finrock, and Trainer Ben Mulder for their leadership and service. Additional congratulations go to Coach Finrock for being named CIF Southern Section Division XII Coach of the Year for the second year in a row.

Many of the Eagles were honored with awards. CIF All-Southern Section awards included: First Team—Dan Jeffers (Defensive line), and Second Team—Steve Wharry (Linebacker). All Southern-Section CIF Division XII awards included: Offensive Player of the Year: Jonathan Reed (Fullback), and Defensive Player of the Year: Dan Jeffers (Defensive Tackle). Other All CIF selections included: Brandon Camacho (Nose Guard), Danny Schaper (Offensive Tackle), Ben Ballard (Quarterback), and Trevor Wilson (Wingback).

First Team All Christian League selections were: Trevor Wilson (MVP), Steve Wharry (Defensive MVP), Brandon Camacho (Nose Guard), Ben Ballard (Quarterback), Jonathan Reed (Fullback), Robbie Ramos (Corner Back), Dan Jeffers (Offensive Tackle), and Joe Ramos (Corner Back).

Second Team All Christian League selections were: Allan Kavalich (Center), Carl

Overholt (Wing Back), Robbie Ramos (Wing Back), D.J. Gallagher (Tight End), Danny Schaper (Offensive Tackle). Honorable mention: Nick Selle (Offensive Tackle), Steve Hale (Tight End), and Ben Gradias (Tight End).

Other members of the 1997 Eagle championship team include: Robbie Whittenburg, Jeff Harry, Israel Marshall, Will Kimble, Chad Aldaco, Ben Foster, Jeremy McAllister, Joey Morrison, Paul Avila, Jacob Southworth, Noah Rivera, Nick Goldtry, Bryan Traynmham, Gavin Fort, Danny Paul, Chris Hardin, Steve Avila, Daniel Meers, Nik Kreutzer, Tim Mason, and Jared Richards.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, the team's families and many friends in honoring the 1997 Arrowhead Christian Academy football team. It truly has been yet another unforgettable season for the Eagles and it is only fitting that the House recognize them today.

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INTRODUCTION OF THE MEDICARE
MANAGED HEALTH CARE SUN-
SHINE ACT OF 1998

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 12, 1998

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation that will require health maintenance organizations (HMOs) under Medicare to disclose certain information to individuals who subscribe to an HMO, or who are a prospective subscriber to an HMO.

Specially, my bill would require an HMO to provide Medicare subscribers or prospective subscribers with a description of the medical education and training received by the HMO's physicians, the physicians' history of domestic or foreign medical practice, and the position each physician currently holds in the HMO. In addition, my bill would require an HMO to disclose to subscribers upon request its audited financial statements, as well as the salaries of its five highest paid executives. Any promotional material by the HMO would state that the above information is available upon request. Overall, my bill would allow Medicare HMO subscribers to scrutinize their HMO's financial condition to ensure that quality health care delivery is being achieved.

It is time for HMOs, who receive federal dollars and ask for the trust of our nation's seniors, to be open and candid about their operations. It is time for Medicare HMO subscribers to benefit from efficient management. It is time we allowed a little sunshine into our nation's Medicare HMOs.

Mr. Speaker, my bill builds on the reforms passed last year as part of the Balanced Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-33). Those reforms gave HMO subscribers greater protection by giving them access to pertinent information about HMOs. This bill is also similar to a bill I introduced in the last Congress, H.R. 2249.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

VICE PRESIDENT GORE EMPHASIZES BIOSCIENCE AND COMMITMENT TO RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTATION TAX CREDIT IN VISIT TO GENENTECH, INC. OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 12, 1998

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to report to my colleagues about the visit of our Vice-President, AL GORE, who is a former colleague of many of us here in this house. I had the pleasure of joining the Vice President on Thursday, January 29, 1998, for his visit to Genentech, Inc., which is located in the city of South San Francisco in the heart of my congressional district. Genentech is an innovative pioneer in the significant and increasingly important universe of biotechnology.

Mr. Speaker, Vice-President GORE's visit serves as an exclamation point—not only to the necessity of federal investment in the exciting, path-breaking research and development that will lead us into the 21st century, but also to the humanitarian nature of biotechnology as practiced by outstanding companies such as Genentech. By supporting research and development such firms conduct, we are aggressively fighting against cancer, prevailing against both rare and common diseases, and rallying against those intrepid enemies of our times that we have come to know as heart-disease, stroke, and diabetes, among others. In short, by supporting research and development, we are improving the quality of the lives of all Americans.

I would like to take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to bring to the attention of my colleagues the highlights of the remarks of Vice-President GORE in relation to the specific accomplishments of Genentech, Inc., which were made during the meeting at the corporate headquarters during our visit.

Genentech serves as a unique and commendable model for the high-tech industry. As Vice-President GORE pointed out, "Here at Genentech, you have taught us another lesson: in the 21st Century, research and experimentation—innovation and ingenuity—is about our livelihoods as well as our lives." In these remarks, Vice-President GORE referred to both the high-wage levels of the high-tech industry, as well as the high-tech industry's status as one of the largest employers in the United States. The fostering of the high-tech industry spurs economic growth and a healthy and vital job market that benefits whole communities.

Vice-President GORE also referred to the Administration's proposal in its annual budget to extend the \$2.2 billion Research and Experimentation (R&E) Tax Credit from June 30th, 1998 to June 30th, 1999. The extension of this tax credit is especially encouraging to the growing Bay Area bioscience industry and to all of our high tech industries which depend upon the R&E Tax Credit to make their extensive and dynamic research feasible. By allowing firms such as Genentech to claim a credit against their federal taxes for a portion of their extensive research and development costs, we in the federal government are taking a critical step to ensure new, high-wage jobs in the